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5 April 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR J.D.E terline

SUBJECT ; Blocking Shipment of Plans from Portuguese East Africa

REFERENCE : State Cable 10804 of 30 March to Lisbon, [1510, [1524,
LINC 1367, LINC 1582, DIR 44268

1. Writer saw Ray Leddy on 5 April and queried him about the present status of the shipment of planes. He said he was under the impression, having been told so by the Munitions Control Board of State, that we would be kept fully informed on this by the MCB. He said that it had been determined that the planes originally came from Rhodesia and had been Lend Lease to the British, which means that the British had no business letting these out of their control without our consent (US Gov't). Mr. Leddy said that State was now "building a fire" under the British on this matter.

2. The latest info on this is, according to Leddy, that a cable has been sent by the Portuguese gov't to the Governor of the province in Portuguese East Africa from which these planes are to be (or have been) shipped. The shipment will be stopped if they have not already left, while they will not be trans-shipped at the Canal Zone per [1510. However, there is a chance that the Guatemalans will try to divert shipment to ~~some~~ an east Guatemalan port (such as Puerto Barrios), in which case there seems that little can be done unless the British can somehow prevent final delivery.

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